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From: Warren Norred - Norred Law, PLLC

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Attention To: Chase Bankruptcy Dept.

Regarding: 22-04066 Empire Countertops, LLC

Please take immediate action to comply with attached Order Granting Plaintiff's Preliminary Injunction and Turnover of Property. Thank you.

United States Bankruptcy Court Eastern District of Texas Sherman Division

In re:

Empire Countertops, LLC 1137 Enterprise Dr.

Pilot Point, TX 76258 EIN: 45-1145076

Debtor(s)

Empire Countertops, LLC, Plaintiff

v.

JPMorgan Chase & Co., Eagle Eye Advance LLC, Block Inc. fka Square Inc., and Last Chance Funding, Inc. Defendants Case No. 22-41686-btr

Chapter 11

Adversary No. 22-04066

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On December 15, 2022, the Court heard the application for a preliminary injunction filed by Empire Countertops, LLC ("Empire") whereby Empire seeks the turnover of certain funds. Eagle Eye Advance LLC appeared and opposed the application. Based on the record and arguments presented at the hearing, the Court makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- 1. The funds held in JPMorgan Chase & Co. ("Chase Bank") accounts ending 1535, 7160, and 1185, in the amount of \$137,378.23 and the funds held in the Block Inc. account in the approximate amount of \$8,000 are property of the bankruptcy estate under 11 U.S.C. § 541 in Empire's bankruptcy case ("Estate Funds").
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issued by the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings. That state court lawsuit provided Eagle Eye Advance LLC with prejudgment injunctive relief but other parties claiming an interest in the Estate Funds were not parties to the action.

- All the parties claiming an interest in the Estate Funds may assert their rights in Empire's bankruptcy case.
- 4. Empire has demonstrated a substantial likelihood that it will prevail on the merits of its claims in this proceeding.
- 5. The balance of harm to the parties weighs in favor of Empire. Empire needs funds in order to continue the operation of its business. Absent the funds, Empire will not be able to pay its direct operating expenses and obtain goods and services needed to carry on its business during this sensitive period in a manner that will avoid immediate and irreparable harm to Empire's estate.
- 6. Turnover of the Estate Funds in this case will not adversely affect the Defendants.

 All the parties claiming an interest in the Estate Funds may assert their rights and exercise their remedies in Empire's bankruptcy case consistent with state and bankruptcy law. Turnover, thus, will simply move the pre-petition dispute to the bankruptcy court.
- 7. Accordingly, the balance of the equities and public interest weigh in favor of granting the relief sought by Empire.

FOR THESE REASONS,

The Court ORDERS that Chase Bank, its officers agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons acting in concert with them to immediately turn over all Estate Funds to Empire by wiring such funds to:

Empire Countertops, LLC Debtor in Possession, Ch11 Case #22-41686 (ETX) Wells Fargo Wiring Routing Number: 121000248

Account Number: xxx41101

The Court further **ORDERS** that Block Inc., its officers, agents, servants, employees, attorneys, and all persons acting in concert with them immediately turn over all Estate Funds to Empire by wiring such funds to:

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Signed on 12/16/2022

Brenda T. Rhoades ST HONORABLE BRENDA T. RHOADES, CHIEF UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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Please see attached demand letter and Turnover Order and take immediate action to comply.



December 19, 2022

Chase Bank c/o Laney Howard, AVP Business Manager 2310 Colorado Blvd. Denton, TX 76205 Via email: Laney.C.Howard@chase.com Via fax: 866-910-7758 and 866-699-0618

RE:

Order for Turnover Funds in Account Nos. 792351535, 831037160,

and 3928051185

Chase Case No. 5145992022; COAL-04NOV22-190

To whom it may concern:

As you know, I represent Empire Countertops, LLC ("Empire"), which is a customer with one or more accounts at your bank. On December 16, 2022, the Court issued an order to immediately turn over the funds you have withheld from Empire.

Please take IMMEDIATE action on this matter as every delay on your part is unnecessary and harmful to Empire's business operations. Failure to do so may cause Chase Bank to be in contempt of the Court's order and subject to further sanctions by the Court.

The wiring instructions are on the Order. The account to send the funds is Wells Fargo Account No. 7939344110.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me.

Sincerely,

Clayton L. Everett, Attorney at Law

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Enclosure: Order for Turnover CC: Mitch Mahoney via email

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